

IN NORTH TOPEKA

Amity Lodge, K. of P., to Give Housewarming Monday.

Will Open the New Hall at 900 Kansas Avenue.

PRESIDENT WILSON LOSES Preparedness Policy Defeated in Debate at Shorey.

Presbyterian Church Will Hold Annual Groundhog Social.

Members of Amity lodge No. 231, Knights of Pythias, will open their newly remodeled and redecorated hall at 900 North Kansas avenue, next Monday night. The meeting will resemble a general housewarming and all the members are requested to attend. The lodge has made arrangements for an evening of good time. The new hall has been redecorated, new carpets have been placed on the floor, new furniture added and everything will be new except the altar, which was made by a member and presented to them more than 20 years ago.

The rank of knight will be conferred on four of the officers as an opening event, and a dinner will be served after the ceremonies.

The entire third floor has been leased by the lodge for more than \$300 has been spent on improvements and fixtures. Amity is the largest K. of P. lodge in the state. At present there are 330 members, and 400 members are expected by April 1.

Wilson Loses at Shorey.

A debate last night was the special feature of an entertainment held in the Shorey school house. About 150 people were in attendance. The question discussed was "Should Wilson's preparedness policy be continued?" The affirmative side was supported by Mr. Van Orman, principal of the Shorey school, and by Miss Hanev of Shorey. The negative side was supported by Mr. Van Orman, principal of the Shorey school, and by Miss Hanev of Shorey. The affirmative side was supported by Mr. Van Orman, principal of the Shorey school, and by Miss Hanev of Shorey. The negative side was supported by Mr. Van Orman, principal of the Shorey school, and by Miss Hanev of Shorey.

Annual Groundhog Social.

The Ladies' auxiliary society of the Second Presbyterian church will give their third annual groundhog social at the church on the evening of February 2. A supper will be served and a program will follow. January is missionary month in the church and all the ladies of the society are invited to bring a box to the groundhog social. Last year twenty-seven dollars was raised in this manner.

At Quincy School.

The Parent-Teachers' association of the Quincy school will hold its monthly meeting at the school assembly room Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The following program will be presented:

Musical—School orchestra.

Topic—"What the Parent May Reasonably Expect of the Teacher"—J. C. Snedeker.

Vocal solo—John Buchanan.

Topic—"What the Teacher May Reasonably Expect of the Parent"—Maud Taggart.

Piano solo—Elizabeth Boten.

Church Announcements.

Central Avenue Christian church, corner of Grant and Central avenue. 1. H. Beckholt, pastor. S. S. Workers' prayer service at 9:30. Bible school 9:45. A communion service and preaching 10:45. Subject, "How We Got Our New Testament." Second of a series in Christian education. Service in Christian Endeavor 6:30; preaching 7:30.

North Congregational church, Mr. Addison, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m.; church 11; Christian Endeavor 6:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Harry Maynard will deliver a talk on "The Christian's Duty in the Home" at 8 o'clock.

Presbyterian church on Missionary work in Turkey. Mrs. Maynard has been in missionary work for the past seven years, and before her marriage was Miss Mary White.

Notes and Personal.

Mrs. Will Reller and Mrs. Landis, her sister, were in North Topeka this morning shopping.

A delegation of North Topeka people will leave Tuesday for Tampa, Fla., to visit the Florida state fair and witness the Gasparilla, an historic carnival which will be held in St. Petersburg.

Among the party will be D. E. Garner, Ira Williams, O. P. Kennel, Ralph Kennel and H. E. Baker. Mr. Baker will be a member of the party, but will travel with them to Tampa, and will then make a trip to several southern points.

A. M. Petro, Druggist—Adv.

Miss Carrie Blair of 1315 Quincy street is improving after having been quite ill.

E. E. Thompson of Kansas City, was in Topeka on business Friday.

Ben E. Edwards, who was in the Petro drug store, has recovered from an attack of measles. He has not been at the store for more than a week.

The junior high school boys of the Quincy team were defeated yesterday afternoon in a game of basketball by the score of 13 to 10. They played the freshmen team of the Topeka high.

TO CONFIRM BRANDEIS

Senate by "Closest Vote Ever" Indorses New Justice.

Washington, Jan. 29.—By the closest vote in a supreme court justice ever has been appointed Louis D. Brandeis will be confirmed as successor of Justice Lamar, according to reliable indications today. The force of the surprise and opposition, which at first spent the senate had very largely subsided.

It is practically certain hearings will be ordered by the senate judiciary committee, which meets Monday. If the charges of bias against Brandeis are not proved against Brandeis, Senator Weeks, presidential candidate, can be expected to make a fight on the ground that Brandeis is personally offensive to him. This rule of the senate gives any member the right to veto the appointment of any man from his state state President Wilson will court this fight already. He has had an appointment, that of a federal judge commissioner, made by him. Confirmation because of the rule, Senator Weeks being the objector.

"ESMERALDA"

Holding their own with high school plays that have been presented in the last few days, a cast of the high school last night presented "Esmeralda," a play that has had a long run on the legitimate stage and in the motion picture world.

Big Show at the Auditorium Will Close Its Doors.

Announcement of Edison Prizes This Evening.

This is the last day of the Kansas Midwinter exposition. This afternoon's show and the one tonight brings the annual event to an end.

Tonight the prizes offered in the big electrical show of the exposition will be awarded. These consist of an El Grillo, with Onvettie attachment, complete, an electric coffee percolator and an electric iron. There is also an award of a special prize of \$20 worth of house-wiring. The registration of names in these contests will cease at 8:15 o'clock, and immediately thereafter the prizes will be distributed from the stage of the auditorium.

The queen of the exposition will take place at 8:15 o'clock on the auditorium stage, just before the show begins, and Miss Hobson will be presented with a handsome diamond ring, the gift of the exposition management. Miss Hobson is a graduate of Central Park school and was in school during the entire contest.

Miss Hobson won in an exciting finish over Miss Margaret Payne. Her final vote was 14,750. Miss Payne's 14,074. The candidates polling the next three highest votes were Grace Hamlin, 9,680, Daisy Goss, 4,555 and Catherine Deuch, 2,385.

A large number of prizes will be awarded tonight as usual.

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Martha Geiser, of 204 Taylor, received a bag of flour from the Shawnee Milling Co.

Frank Johnson was awarded a jar of Radio Smokey tobacco.

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A can of Rumbold's baking powder went to Mrs. J. H. Featherstone, 514 Scotland.

No vacation, no viaduct—that's the tip that has reached the city hall in connection with the proposed vacation of East Sixth street under the viaduct and an ordinance providing for a partial vacation has been introduced. There is no opposition to the ordinance in the city commission.

Following the development of opposition the word was passed around the city hall that unless the ordinance passed vacating the street there will be no further work done on the viaduct.

Commissioners W. L. Porter and Frank Newland discussed the matter this morning and agreed that while the vacation of the street might be a good thing it would be better to postpone it until the viaduct was completed. Otherwise people going to and from the city would be forced to walk several blocks out of their way while construction work is being done on the viaduct.

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TABLE TALK

AT THE COMMERCIAL CLUB.

J. O. Synnamon, secretary of the Commercial club, is anxious that every member be present at the regular weekly luncheon Tuesday noon when arrangements will be completed for the club's participation in the Wilson parade Wednesday.

Those seated at the speakers' table with Senator Burton were: W. W. Webb, president of the Commercial club, the governor, former Senator Chester Long of Wichita, former Congressman Charles F. Scott of Iowa, and John S. Dean of T. p. ka.

Governor Capper appeared to be in a better humor today than usual. Those seated at the speakers' table mentioned of the governor's unusual frivolity.

Everyone excepting the higher Santa Fe officials appeared to have heard "authentically" of the change in the presidential route. As quick as J. W. Kelley heard of it he telephoned to Santa Fe officials who declared that they had heard nothing official.

On the other hand H. J. Corwin said he had got the information from the Santa Fe shortly after it was taken by the Germans broke but the enemy succeeded in occupying the second mine shaft.

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GERMAN VICTORY

Teutons Claim Capture of 1,764 French and Trenches.

Kaiser's Men Suddenly Launch Offensive in France.

Berlin, Jan. 29.—The capture of 1,000 yards of French positions south of Somme, by German troops was announced today by army headquarters. Prisoners to the number of 927 and 13 machine guns were taken. North-east of Neuville the Germans stormed trenches along the front of about 1,700 yards and 27 prisoners and nine machine guns.

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